

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7, 9, 10, 15 and 16 is acknowledged with appreciation. By this amendment, claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all the essential limitations of the parent claims. Claims 9, 10, 15 and 16 have also been rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been canceled, and the dependencies of the remaining claims have been amended. A new claim 21 has been added corresponding to claim 9, but dependent from claim 7. Claims 2-21 are presented for further examination.

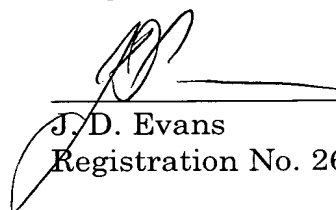
The rejections of claims over prior art are believed rendered moot by the foregoing amendments to the claims. The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #100868.53189US).

Respectfully submitted,

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